

I don't typically speak out but XM Radio is something I am passionate about. I got my radio for Christmas in 2002 and listen to it constantly at home, work, and in the car. I have a choice, I can watch TV with antenna, but that is not good enough for me. I want better programming, better quality pictures, and more variety so I pay to have satellite TV. It is exactly the same for radio; local channels are terrible, have hardly any variety, and don't get me the info I want or need. Along comes something revolutionary to the radio industry and it infuriates me to think anyone would try stopping progress, denying me access to something that is obviously better, making me step back in technological time, and denying me access to important information! Exaggeration? How important? can having accurate information you don't need to wait to have access to really be? Here is an example, I was able to tune into the traffic and weather station was immediately aware of a tornado warning and was able to assess if I was in danger. I urge you to try tuning into a local station and getting that ease of mind. How passionate am I? The following is my quote that I sent to XM when they started Traffic and Weather and can be found on their website: "I love it! I've been telling my "XM-deprived" co-workers about this station for a month now and it is living up to the hype I was giving it. I don't have to wait through commercials or yammering DJs to hear what might affect my drive, and the detail is better than anything I could find locally. Also, for those of us deprived of fancy current temperature features in our cars, the display of current weather and temperature is a neat feature...and who doesn't like having instant weather data with the push of a preprogrammed button? ? Don't let the fear of competition and regular radio's drive for revenue deny consumers the ability to choose and select a better service. Please Reject NAB's petition 04-160.